

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR OUT OF STATE FISH SUPPLIERS

The Department would like to establish a permit for an out-of-state fish supplier.

Currently, out of state suppliers are required to register with the Department. Once registered, the supplier is required to follow certain criteria. Establishing a permit in regulation and including the requirements will make expectations clear. The criteria are established to ensure the health of Maryland's wild stocks of fish and include: certification that finfish are free of disease; requirements for labeling of product (origin, date of sale, supplier information, species and amount); permits for stocking in Maryland waters; and reasons for revoking a permit. The permit would be valid for the calendar year and is free.